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Of Limited Appeal in U. S.

One of my insurance friends hands me a trade bulletin expounding the threat of the consumer's co-operative movement to private American enterprise. I quote:

John L. Lewis Leaves Senate Group Guessing

Washington, March 27—(AP)—John L. Lewis left the Senate War Investigating Committee guessing today as to whether his United Mine Workers would resort to a strike to enforce their demands for a \$2 a day wage increase.

Senator Ferguson (R-Minn.) said he was "greatly upset and disturbed" by Lewis' declaration that he considered the general anti-strike agreement of December, 1941, "not necessarily binding."

Lewis had told the committee "I think it very unfair to suggest that I would take advantage of my government in a crisis."

He added he had not said anything about striking, and he hoped, like all Americans, that "no work stoppage would be necessary." But he reiterated the UMW "would not be guilty of trespassing on a mine corporation's property" in the absence of a negotiated contract.

Lewis explained that in negotiating for a contract to supplant the current one which expires next Thursday, he faced a dilemma. A recent federal court decision, he related, held that under the wage-hour law no contract was valid that did not provide for paying the men for all the time they spent inside the mine. The existing contract covers only time actually worked.

Lewis declared the mine operators were unwilling to pay for the time spent in underground traveling between the mouth of the mine and the actual working site. He said further the War Labor Board concluded the men couldn't get an increase because they already had received more than the 15 per cent allowed under the little steel formula.

He claimed that the War Labor Board itself breached the "no-strike agreement by adopting that formula instead of permitting 'a judicial determination of the equities involved.'"

Another Oil Producer for Midway Field

Stamps, Ark., March 27—Special—Another producer was added this week to the growing list in the Midway field of Lafayette county.

It is Arkansas Fuel Oil Company's Lutzenia Creek No. 2, N of the C of section 9-15-24. Top of Porosity was around 6400 feet. The test was flowing late Thursday and was still cleaning itself Friday, and no official gauge could be obtained.

Operators declare it to be a good well though. The next test due in for that area is Barnsdall Oil Company's Millard F. Creek C of NE 1/4 section 10-15-24 which was drilled below 6300 feet expecting to hit the pay any moment.

Barnsdall's Grace No. 1, Miller county wildcat which last week caused a small flurry in lease and royalty trading because of its excellent showing in the pay, has refused to flow satisfactorily after first production tests, operators continue efforts toward completion however with the expectations that the test will result in a producer.

Swabbing operations were resorted to Thursday and Friday operators decided to drill deeper. Exact location is the SE NW section 4-15-27, 18 miles due west of the Midway field.

Other activities in the Midway area include, one new location announced this week by Barnsdall as L. Creek in the SE NW of section 9-15-24. Gene Goff had set surface casing at his Darnell No. 2 NE 1/4 section 9-15-24 and were continuing to make preparations to start in at its Hodnett No. 9 E NE 1/4 section 18-15-23, one of several locations that company will drill in the new field.

Adkins to Allow Racing Group Funds

Little Rock, March 27—(AP)—Governor Adkins will allow the \$7,525 annual racing commission appropriation bill to become law without his signature "because I stated in my inaugural address that if an appropriation was made for the racing commission it should have to be initiated by the legislature and not by me."

Adkins reduced to four the number of bills remaining on his desk from the recent legislature when he signed two yesterday. They carried annual appropriations of \$10,324,000 for the education department and \$125,000 for the vocational education division.

Many Pole Peasants Killed by Germans

London, March 27—(AP)—Between 50 and 100 Germans were killed in a pitched battle between Polish peasants and 2,000 German SS and SA troops aided by tanks and planes, the Polish telegraph agency reported today.

The agency said people of the districts of Krasnobrod, 60 miles northwest of Lwow, and Luszczyca fled to the forests to escape deportation to German factories and farms, fought off searching parties and finally resisted for several days a force of 2,000 Germans.

In reprisal, the agency said, the Germans executed 60 poles at nearby places, massacred the population of the village of Hamernia, then burned every building and ploughed over the sites of several towns.

OPA to Announce Point Values Sunday

Washington, March 27—(AP)—Sunday morning newspapers will list American housewives' new point values for processed fruits and vegetables, and the best guess is that coupon costs will be substantially lower.

OPA officials declined to cite specific figures but indicated numerous reductions, and a few increases, could be expected when the new table is made public.

Charge on Rum Tax Plan Riles Backers

Washington, March 27—(AP)—Charging desperate attempts are being made to "smear" Rum tax plan supporters, riled House Republicans today prepared to demand proof of an accusation that they had been promised "abundant campaign funds" if they won congressional approval of the skip-year income tax proposal.

Concerning that accusation yesterday from Rep. Dingell (D-Mich.), Rep. Knutson (R-Minn.), leading the Republican charge, the Rum tax plan, said "we'll certainly call on him to produce his evidence," and House Minority Leader Martin (R-Mass.) told newspapermen:

"It's just a desperate smear campaign waged by those who realize they're fighting a losing battle. It is absolutely ridiculous, and shows how desperate are those who are fighting the Carlson (Rum) bill."

The sharp Republican response came as the House held its first Saturday session of the year to continue the debate. Yesterday it heard Dingell say:

"I am convinced that the minority, sitting on the Republican side of the aisle has promise of abundant campaign funds should the re-nomination bring about the skipping of one year's taxation and I don't know but what the generous Republicans would not remember the assistance given them by a few Democrats on our side."

"You may have a substantial campaign fund to enhance your reelection, but your opponent, if he has a lick of sense, will beat you to a frazzled edge and will take your seat in this house because you cannot defend giving away \$100,000,000,000 needed for war purposes at this critical time."

Rep. Lynch (D-N.Y.) charged the Democrats sought to wreck the Democratic administration's war economy "and through that wreck a climb back to political power."

The inter-party battle apparently had brought about a measure of cohesion of Democrats not before demonstrated in the 76th congress. One after another they leveled verbal blasts at the Rum plan while the Republicans praised it as the only fair and practical means for placing 44,000,000 income taxpayers on a pay-as-you-go basis.

USDA to Help Classify Farm Registrants

Arkansas' 75 county USDA War Boards have been handed the job of assisting in the selective service classification of agricultural registrants.

County War Boards were asked by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, to make requests immediately for the deferment of registrants who are necessary farm workers and farm operators not now in Class 2-C or 3-C and whose deferment has not been otherwise requested.

To be eligible for Class 2-C or 3-C, a registrant must be necessary to and regularly engaged in an agricultural occupation or agricultural endeavor essential to the Food for Freedom program.

"The young men of Arkansas who are producing Food for Freedom are serving their country as loyally as though they were in the Armed Forces," Earl N. Martindale, chairman of the Hempstead County USDA War Board, said and added that "the farm boy's overalls are his uniform, and it's an honor to wear them."

At the same time, he appealed to all Arkansas farmers to plan for maximum war production this year, despite the shortages with which they are confronted.

Basis for recommending deferment of farm workers will be data taken from the 1943 farm plan sheets, which now are being signed throughout the state, and from the farm manpower inventory, a part of the production plan sheet.

Although county USDA War Boards will make recommendations, the final decision for classification of an agricultural registrant will be made by local selective service boards.

Like Money Drawing Interest

Boonville, Mo. (AP)—When wondering what to buy his wife for her birthday anniversary, Capt. C. V. Anderson of Kemper Military School was casually clearing out his desk.

Back in a corner he found a package. In it were three pairs of nylon hose he had purchased long ago, for a birthday present for Mrs. Anderson, and had forgotten to take home.

Allies Bomb Enemy Bases in Series of Raids

By The Associated Press
Allied warplanes were officially credited today with blasting five Japanese strongholds in the arc of islands above Australia, while on the Burma front the RAF, flying from bases in India, carried out widespread attacks on enemy targets.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters said United Nations airmen dropped 10 tons of bombs on the new Japanese base at Wewak, in northern New Guinea, and scored two direct hits with 500-pound bombs on a 4,000-ton Japanese cargo ship.

Other Allied bombers pounded the enemy at Finschhafen, Salamaua, Lae and Mubo, and swept 14 times over Japanese positions in the region where Gen. MacArthur's forces are thrusting up the New Guinea coast.

In Burma, RAF bombers twice attacked the rail station at Mawlaik, 60 miles west of Mandalay, raided a Japanese-occupied town on the Mayu peninsula, and strafed the airfield at Toungoo.

Meanwhile, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the new 14th U. S. Air Force in China, declared the unit would play a major part in bringing about the unconditional surrender of Japan.

"We'll get at him where it will hurt," he said.

Divorcee Held for Shooting Tulsa Woman

Tulsa, Okla., March 2—(AP)—Mrs. Ella B. Howard, Fort Worth divorcee, pleaded innocent today at her arraignment on a charge of murder in the Mayo hotel room shooting of Mrs. T. Karl Simmons, widely known horsewoman.

Common Pleas Judge Carter Smith set her preliminary hearing for Wednesday she was held without bond.

The courtroom was crowded, with many spectators standing. Deputy Sheriff had to force an aisle through crowds in the corridor outside the courtroom for Mrs. Howard and her attorney, Charles Cookney.

Mrs. Howard was dressed in a blue suit, white blouse, brown hat and tan shoes. She carried an alligator skin bag. She did not speak during the hearing. Her plea was entered by her attorney. She showed only slight nervousness.

Mrs. Howard, 44, prematurely gray and the mother of a son and daughter, was taken into custody Thursday night shortly after Mrs. Simmons was found dead in Mrs. Simmons' room in the fashionable Mayo hotel.

Assistant County Attorney M. S. Simms, who brought the murder charge against Mrs. Howard, said that:

Mrs. Howard declared Mrs. Simmons forced herself into her room at the hotel at pistol point threatening to kill her. Mrs. Howard seized the gun, and in the ensuing struggle, it was discharged.

Mrs. Simmons was shot in the heart, shoulder and hand, and died almost instantly. Mrs. Howard ran to another room down the hall, where she called an attorney.

Mrs. Howard said she knew the 55-year-old Mrs. Simmons only slightly, and offered no reason why Mrs. Simmons should threaten her.

Simmons, still distraught by his wife's death, has remained at his home. He conferred briefly by telephone with Simms but said he had not seen Mrs. Howard nor his wife Thursday.

Simms said he believed the death weapon, a .25 caliber pistol, was owned by Mrs. Simmons.

Mrs. Howard related she came to Tulsa Wednesday on business and had been unable to obtain a plane reservation for return to Fort Worth until Thursday night.

Mrs. Simmons' horses have captured many blue ribbons in shows over the nation. She and Simmons maintained a stock farm near here.

Watch Dog's Really In Doghouse Now

Charlotte, N. C. (AP)—Raiding a hen house, the thief locked the watch dog in the dog house before going about the business of picking off four hens and a rooster.

Laughs At Rationing

Davidson, Okla. (AP)—Clothing rationing doesn't scare M. E. Gregory. Why he bought his hunting coat in 1905, has worn it annually, and it's still in good shape.

Spout of Doom



Salty geyser rises as shell fire falls short of a Nazi U-boat during battle between the sub and a Canadian corvette in the North Atlantic. (Passed by Canadian censors. Official Royal Canadian Navy photo released through Universal Pictures for "Corvettes in Action.")

Many Expect FDR to Veto Farm Measure

Washington, March 27—(AP)—President Roosevelt had the opportunity today to bolster the administration's stand against blanket wage boosts by vetoing a farm price increase bill.

Most congressional leaders expected him to do just that—but the question seemed to be whether he could make such a veto stick.

Before him was a measure unanimously approved in final form yesterday by the Senate. It would set aside an executive directive for deduction of government benefit payments from parity price standards in setting farm product price ceilings.

With OPA Administrator Prentiss Brown asserting such a law would boost food prices an average of 7 per cent, the way apparently was open for a veto.

Whether a veto could be made to stand, however, seemed to depend largely on the ability of administration leaders to get enough "city" votes recorded in a House roll call to prevent a two-thirds margin to override there. Any such hopes in the Senate seemed futile since only the two Rhode Island members voted "no" when the measure originally was passed there.

Leaders jockeyed, meanwhile, to prevent precipitate action by the Senate agriculture committee on a companion measure to include all farm labor costs in calculating parity. Parity is a standard aimed to equalize prices at which farmers exchange their crops for manufactured articles. It also is the base to which farm price ceilings are anchored.

The Senate returned this House-approved measure to the committee yesterday on a voice vote after expression of opinion that it was a bad hour to be approving such a bill when labor leaders were seeking wage increases.

Minnow Makes Sucker Of Bass

Lawton, Okla. (AP)—The Eskimo, seated beside a hole in the ice waiting for a fish to come past and get itself caught, doesn't have much on Charlie Gassaway.

He went to Lake Lawtonka one day when it was frozen over, carved a hole in the ice, threw in a frozen minnow and he says—landed a five-pound bass in no time.

Rabbit Eats Ration Meal

Carlsbad, N. M. (AP)—Paul Ball, rural rehabilitation supervisor, caught a cottontail rabbit while he was driving through the country. He picked it alive, in the glove compartment of his car. That night, at home, he was listening to the radio and heard the announcer mention "rabbit." Ball snapped his fingers; then dashed to the garage and rescued the bunny from the glove compartment. Brother rabbit had eaten his sugar ration coupons and was starting on the gas rations.

Nazis Massing to Try to Cross Donets River

—Europe

By EDDY GILMORE

Moscow, March 27—(AP)—The German Army, in a desperate drive to crack stubborn Soviet defenses on the Donets river north of Chuguev has massed fresh troops, a big force artillery and a heavy concentration of air power against the Russian lines there, it was officially reported today.

While the Germans concentrated their heaviest power in this sector, Russian vanguards on the central front again edged toward Smolensk, little more than 30 miles away.

The Soviet mid-day communiqué said numerous attacks north of Chuguev were repulsed.

There is a 50-mile stretch of the twisting Donets river between Chuguev and Belgorod, where the Russians are beginning to pound the Germans. Slightly north of Chuguev, the battle line on the river turns abruptly eastward, then wings north again in an almost straight line. This is a tough area to defend because there is a high bank on the western side and a low bank on the eastern side.

The newspaper Pravda said German attacks in this area began at dawn yesterday when large forces of motorized infantry and tanks were thrown into battle. Big units of the German air force preceded the land forces.

The Red Army met the Nazi charge with tanks.

The Army newspaper Red Star said the big force the Germans had concentrated north of Chuguev was in direct anticipation of an early crossing of the Donets. The German commanders were said to believe this great new night of numbers, plus a sky-fall of divebombers, would turn the trick on which they had been disappointed already time after time.

(The German high command communiqué broadcast from Berlin and recorded by the Associated Press made no reference to these new concentrations of force nor to the bloody fighting on the Donets described by the Russians.)

The German bulletin reported an enemy attack at the Kuban bridgehead was repulsed, with Russian loss of numerous tanks, and that south of Lake Ladoga, below embattled Leningrad, weak Soviet attacks were frustrated.

The Russian morning communiqué described one savage Red Army counterattack east of Belgorod last night when Red Army troops stormed into German trenches and killed almost a company of the enemy.

The war bulletin described the struggle as a hand-to-hand combat and said that at the end the Red Army force held the enemy's positions and a large quantity of his guns and ammunition.

The Germans have been making a gigantic effort for a major breakthrough in the sector north of Chuguev, in the 50-mile stretch of river between Chuguev and Belgorod. They are using increasing numbers of dive bombers, tanks, motorized troops and infantry.

So far, however, the Russians are holding every push and not giving in anywhere, it was reported.

The midday communiqué said six German tanks were destroyed by Russian guns in the Chuguev sector and two others crippled by Russian land mines.

More German strongpoints have been taken by Russian troops driving toward Smolensk and a Nazi counterattack in one sector was thrown back with heavy losses, it was said.

The latest activity, it was announced, consisted mainly of consolidating captured lines and carrying out scouting operations.

On this western front three still are three main Soviet thrusts: units striking northeast of Smolensk, a force moving westward along the Vyazma-Smolensk railway and highway; and a group in the dnieprubz sector, blow the railway and 50 miles east of Smolensk, lensk.

They Call This Speedy Justice

Charlotte, N. C. (AP)—The deputy in superior court shouted: "Oyez, Oyez, this honorable court is convened to transact official business."

He then cleared his throat and went at it again: "Oyez, Oyez, this honorable court now takes a recess until 10 o'clock Monday morning. God save the state and this honorable court."

That was all. The session lasted exactly one minute. The judge was absent.

More Acreage on Cotton to Be Allowed

Farmers who do not overplant their 1943 cotton acreage allotment by more than ten per cent will be considered not to have exceeded their allotment, Earl N. Martindale, Chairman Hempstead County AAA Committee made known today. This announcement followed by just a few days a statement by Secretary Wickard that additional cotton acreage would be permitted. "Each farm operator in Arkansas has already received notice of the cotton acreage allotment for his farm and it is not anticipated that the figure contained in this notice will be changed," Mr. Martindale explained.

If, at the time the cotton acreage is measured, the allotment has been exceeded by not more than ten per cent all producers on that farm are assured: (1) There will be no marketing quota penalty in respect to the marketing of cotton produced on that farm; (2) The AAA Production Adjustment Payment for that farm will be computed on the official 1943 cotton acreage allotment; (3) No deduction will be made because of the overplanting against any AAA payment earned on that farm; and (4) Loans will be available at the full loan rate on the cotton produced on that farm.

Three major factors affecting farmers in various parts of Arkansas will determine the extent to which they take advantage of this relaxation of regulations, Mr. Martindale explained. These are the inability to obtain sufficient labor, fertilizer, and machinery at the time and in the quantities in which they are needed. The increased production of short staple cotton should only be considered after arrangements have been made to meet 1943 essential war crop goals," cautioned Mr. Martindale. "This includes food and feed crops for the families and livestock on the farm as well as these crops for market."

Contributors to County Red Cross Drive

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How To Cause A Riot

Pueblo, Colo. (AP)—There was never a dull moment after W. A. Flynn, 30 dozen pairs of women's nylon department store manager, placed hisosiery on sale.

Even the police couldn't hold back the crowds. Two glass display cases were broken and two others pushed over. Carpenters had wouldn't be crushed.

To be called to make emergency Seven hundred women reached the display cases to compete for the 360 pairs and another 300 milled about the locked doors.

By Roy Crane

Social and Personal

Daisy Dorothy Heard, Editor
Phone 768 Between 8 a. m. and 4 p. m.

Social Calendar

Monday, March 29th
The Executive Board of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist church will meet at the home of the president, Mrs. H. O. Kyler, 502 South Hamilton, 8 o'clock.

The Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society of the First Baptist church will meet at the church, 2:30 o'clock.

Tuesday, March 30th
Mrs. Franklin Horton and Mrs. Edwin Stewart will be hostesses to the Cosmopolitan club at the home of the former, 7:45 o'clock.

Mrs. Franklin Horton is hostess at informal supper for the pleasure of members of the Thursday Contract Bridge club. Mrs. Franklin Horton entertained with a spaghetti supper at her home on Friday evening.

Later in the evening games of Contract were enjoyed with Mrs. Burr Russell receiving the guest high gift. Mrs. Cecil Wynt received War Stamps for being club high, and Mrs. Dale Jones was awarded the bingo prize.

Spring flowers in artistic containers were used to decorate the entertaining rooms.

Thirty-Five Attend Methodist League Party
The Junior-Senior League of the First Methodist church held a social at the church recreational rooms Friday evening.

Miss Marjory O'Neal, Miss Ella Jo Edmiston, George Newbern, and James T. Copeland were in charge of a series of games and contests.

Assisted by Mrs. F. C. Crow, Mrs. M. M. McClaughan, sponsor of the group, served sandwiches and punch throughout the evening.

Enjoying the party with the thirty five members were the following guests: Misses Alice Lile and Rose

Mary Coop, Jerome and Jack Duffie, John Cecil Weaver, and William Duckett.

Emotions Meet with Robert Wilsons
A dinner-bridge was enjoyed by members of the Emanon club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson Friday evening.

In addition to the club members Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Spencer attended.

Japanese in modern arrangements formed the floral decor in the reception rooms, where dinner was served on quartette tables.

After the games of Contract, a record of the scores was made.

Coming and Going
Miss Mary Delin Carrigan arrives from Little Rock today to spend the weekend with her parents, the Steve Carrigans, and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Fred Ellis is spending the weekend in Dallas with Mr. Ellis.

Colonel and Mrs. L. A. Green of Gainesville, Fla. were guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Baber.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Humphries and daughter, Barbara June, of Shreveport will arrive today to spend the weekend with Mrs. Humphries' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ruggles.

Mrs. Leslie Purdie departed Friday morning for San Antonio, Texas, where she will visit her son, Pvt. Elton Purdie, before he leaves for overseas duty. Enroute home she will stop in San Angelo for a visit with another son, S/Sgt. Elmer Purdie, and Mrs. Purdie.

Mrs. Elta Young of Memphis, Tenn. is a guest in the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Graves.

Communications

Naval Aviation Cadet Wallace W. Van Sickle has completed the course at the U. S. Navy Pre-Flight school at Athens, Ga. and has been ordered to the Naval Air Station at Peru, Indiana for primary flight training. Van Sickle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Van Sickle, 821 East Division, Hope, graduated from high school in 1940. He attended Arkansas A. and M. college for two years, and completed CAA Primary Training at Arkadelphia.

Pvt. Gerald Lee Bales, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross H. Bales of Hope, has recently been sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, where he will attend the finance training school. Before leaving for the army, Pvt. Bales was employed by the First National Bank, Personal

From Marion Military Institute, Marion, Alabama comes the news that Robert Newton Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Singleton, 714 East 2nd street, has been promoted to a first sergeant, assigned to the Battalion staff in the R. O. T. C. Battalion.

Hot Springs Ball Player Showing Up
French Lick, Ind., March 27 (AP)—He looks like anything but a ball player, this bespectacled Thurman Tucker—known around the White Sox spring training quarters as the guy with the Joe E. Brown mouth.

Tucker has spent six years in the minors and this is his third straight tryout in the White Sox spring training camp. Now it looks as if he will stay, getting his chance after departure of 24 Sox players to the armed forces and leaving the outfield with only one regular, Wally Moses.

So good is this 25-year-old Texan that Manager Jimmy Dykes does not even emphasize the word "if" in choosing him as center fielder. It took a war and persistent efforts by Tucker to bring about the situation.

Tucker, whose bat cut .313 for Fort Worth last year, is married and has a year old daughter.

Tucker says: "I enrolled in a baseball school at Hot Springs (Ark.) when I was 17, was always regarded too small, so I thought a knowledge of fundamentals would offset lack of pounds. I know I can hit speedy stuff. That's all they throw in the Texas league. But the major league pitchers may be a problem. I hit .313, mostly in night games, and believe I can do better in daylight."

Champion Cards All Set for Wild Season

By OSCAR KAHAN

Chicago, Ill., March 27 (AP)—The fleet-footed St. Louis Cardinals, who last year ran the "carnapaths" like a track team to win the National league pennant and world series, are all set for another season of what Manager Billy Southworth calls his "Jack Rabbit style of play."

Southworth, who made speed pay off against power, declared today that the Cardinals would continue their colorful, slam-bang game, trying for every extra base and using their speed to upset the opposition.

"We will have abundance of speed," he said, "despite the loss of Enos Slaughter and Terry Moore."

"We have among our outfield replacements Buster Adams and Harry Walker, who run like deer. If Jimmy Brown goes into the Army, Lou Klein will be my No. 1 replacement at second base—and he can sprint 100 yards in 10 seconds."

Light legged youngsters like these fit well into the Cardinal rule of running the bases. Southworth and Coaches Mike Gonzalez and Buzz Wares practically threw their shoulders out of joint last year with frantic go-ahead signaling to runners tearing around bases.

Southworth has Johnny Hopp, one of baseball's fastest men, for either first or outfield, depending on whether lean, lanky Ray Sanders can stake claim to an infield job.

Headlong-sliding Jimmy Brown, who gets every inch possible on his, still is available for second, with Klein ready to step into his shoes. Shortstop Martin, league-leader in double, and third baseman George Kurovski, world series homerun hero, complete a crackjack infield.

Signing of Walker and Stan Musial, the team's last two holdouts, enabled Southworth to get down to business with a full outfield cast. He has a "problem" that would make any other manager envious—a job of selecting the best of eight candidates.

However, the Redbird strategist said he plans to use Musial in left, Adams in center and Walker in right. Each batted over .300 last season.

Other outfielders include Hopp, Coaker Triplett and Frank Demaree. Musial, Hopp and Walker are left-handed batters, the others are right-handers.

Southworth has no worries about

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By HUGH FULLERTON, JR.
Wide World Sports Columnist

New York, March 27 (AP)—The Jamaica race track is planning to put in a big victory garden this year, including a three-acre potato patch in the infield. . . . That should be good news for horse players who have a tough time trying to raise a few potatoes to put on a good thing in the forth race. . . . Looks like the real thing, though; they're even planning to plough up the parking fields. . . . Although the baseball rules bosses aren't likely to take any action at their week-end meeting, Jim St. Clair, who heads the Rules committee, favors one change. He'd like to see the three-second rule eliminated. . . . Fred Fitzsimmons sold more than \$30,000 worth of war bonds at his Brooklyn bowling establishment during the winter.

Orders Is Orders
Pvt. Sam Friedman, Fort Sloocum, N. Y., photographer, isn't a guy to ask questions so when a sergeant told him yesterday, "Joe De Marino is fighting at Madison Square Garden; get over there and take a picture," Pvt. Friedman turned up a ticket and camera and headed for the arena.

He was still waiting when Johnny Greco was pummeling Cleg Shans, but finally just at eleven, Pvt. De Martino stepped out for the after-then-about tussle with George Wilson. . . . Pvt. Sam said he had his picture, and a 11:01:45 he had his picture.

Ray Meyer, the DePaul coach, seems to have the inside track for the Notre Dame basketball coaching job, left open by the death of George Keogan. . . . Shaky Kain, who'll manage the Yankees' Norfolk, Va., farm club this year, has worked as an official in either the Sugar Bowl or the Orange Bowl football games for the past half-dozen years. . . . Abe Elkins, who manages Johnny Greco, doesn't show as much enthusiasm for Greco as for 19-year-old Johnny Price, who survived two firstround knockdowns last night to take a four-rounder from Ray Puig. . . .

his catching, with Walker Cooper, Ken O'Dea, Sam Narvon and rookie Jerry Burmeister, but ominous uncertainty about Morton Cooper may radically change the team's superb pitching prospects.

The 22-game winner suffered a back injury in a fall during the winter and it has affected the freedom of his pitching motion. He also is bothered by a troublesome knee, twisted last summer. That combination may keep him out of action indefinitely.

Fights Last Night
By The Associated Press
New York—Pvt. Johnny Greco, 125, Montreal, outpointed Cleg Shans, 123, Los Angeles (10).

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Ocean Wave Is Favored in Arkansas Derby

Hot Springs, March 27 (AP)—The eighth annual running of the \$10,000 added Arkansas Derby today drew a field of nine topnotch three-year olds including Calumet Farm's stretch running Ocean Wave which was topweighted at 123 pounds.

The Wave, with Wendell Ends up, drew the number one post position for the mile and a furlong classic which track officials expected to attract 6,000 fans.

Jockey Johnny Longden, who piloted Amber Light to a nose victory over Ocean Wave in the recent Louisiana Derby, was up on J. W. Rodgers' Dove Pie.

Other competition for the Calumet ace included the lone filly in the field, Sparvivo and Petrucci's Sparvivo with Joe Daffino aboard; Mrs. Janet Kelly's well-killed Beau Of Mine, four time winner here and a close second to Ocean Wave in a sprint; Silver Stock Farm's Her Guardian; Mr. J. L. Finch's Modest Lady; the Happy Hour Farm's Iron Works; the Brown Hotel Stable's Seven Hearts and C. E. Nelson's Uncle Billies.

Uncle Billies, Sparvivo and Her Guardian were the only non-Kentucky Derby eligibles in the race. The derby was the seventh race on a scheduled eight-event farewell program at Oaklawn park.

Sub-featured on the program was the Au Revoir handicap over six furlongs for \$1,200. It attracted seven fine sprinters including Galbreath and Dinst's Best Seller, easy winner in his only previous start here. Others were Cold Creek, Cerebrus, Bob's Dream, Sassy Lady and Time O'War.

J. C. Bentley's Bring Me Home, a Kentucky Derby nominee, won the \$1,000 featured five race yesterday, running the six furlongs in 1:14 to pay \$20.50. The field gelding came up from third in the stretch to finish a length ahead of Rivier Divide Farm's Dr. Rush.

Navy Cross from the Silver Star Stock Farm was third.

By The Associated Press
Evansville, Ind., March 27—Detroit and Chicago, a pair of American league rivals, open the red flannel league season today with Virgil Trucks and Paul Trout slated for mound duty by Manager Steve O'Neil of the Tigers.

Jimmy Dykes, boss of the White Sox, has selected a trio of rookies—Gordon Matzberger, Floyd Speer and Donald Hanski—to do the twirling.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—This northern training, Missouri version, is all right, says Manager Luke Sewell of the St. Louis Browns.

"If there is any team in the major leagues as well conditioned as the Browns at this period, I certainly would like to see him," he commented proudly. "The boys are doing fine."

Weather conditions, however, prevented an intra-squad game yesterday.

Asbury Park, N. J. — Wartime baseball note:

Manager Joe McCarthy of the New York Yankees says his team will not play intra-squad games because "I haven't enough players, unless I use pitchers on one team. I don't want to do that because I don't like to have them standing around in the outfield."

Three Years Ago — Commissioner K. M. Landis fixed salary of Lindsay D. DeLoach, rookie outfielder, who claimed he was offered \$1,500 less for coming season with Brooklyn Dodgers than he was paid previous year in minors.

Five Years Ago — Luke Appling, Chicago White Sox infielder and former American league batting champion, suffered fractured leg in exhibition game with Chicago Cubs and lost to team for three months.

1943 Appropriations Greater Than 1941

Little Rock, March 26 (AP)—Appropriations by the 1943 general assembly—supplemental, special and regular biennial—were \$5,784,912.85 greater than those made by the 1941 general assembly.

Comptroller J. Bryan Sims' compilation of appropriations showed that the increase was piled up principally by the public schools which got \$5,768,434.39. General state agencies took a \$339,592.93 decrease.

Total appropriations by the recent legislature were \$122,823,218.58 compared to \$117,038,305.73 in 1941. The latter figure does not include the highway bond refunding appropriation nor a \$1,750,000 appropriation for a highway turnback control board which was declared invalid by the courts.

Church News

GARRETT MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
N. Ferguson St.
D. O. Silvey, Pastor
10:00 Sunday School.
11:00 Preaching.
7:00 B. T. C. and Bible Study Groups.
8:00 Preaching.
9:30 Monday, Ladies' Auxiliary.
7:30 Wednesday, Teacher's Meeting.
8:00 Wednesday, Pray Services.
May we think upon the question, "What reasons do I have for going to church Sunday?"

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Pine at Second
Robert B. Moore, pastor
Chimes—9:30 a. m.
Church School—10:00 a. m.
Morning Worship—10:50 a. m.
Special Music.
Sermon by the pastor.
Vesper Service—8:30 p. m.
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Youth Fellowship—8:30 p. m.
Choir Practice—Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Third and Main Streets
Rev. W. R. Hamilton, pastor
9:30 a. m.—Sunday School assembles by departments.
10:50 a. m.—Morning Worship Service. The pastor will preach.
2:30 p. m.—Sunday School in the Guernsey School Building.
6:30 p. m.—General Assembly for the Baptist Training Union.
7:30 p. m.—Evening Worship Service. The pastor will bring the message.
The public is extended a cordial invitation to attend all of the services of the First Baptist Church.

HOPE GOSPEL TABERNACLE
N. Main and Ave. D.
Paul R. Gaston, pastor.
Sunday School—9:45 a. m.
Choir Practice—10:00 a. m.
Morning Service—11:00 a. m.
The pastor will bring a special message to the church on "Some Requisites for a Revival".
Young Peoples Service and Adult Bible Study—6:45 p. m.
Evangelistic Service—7:45 p. m.
Sermon subject: "What does it mean to be 'lost'?"
At the Tabernacle you are a stranger only once.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Corner Fifth and Grady
Taylor Davis, Min.
10:00 a.

Russian-Japanese Fishing Pact Considered Practical

Analysis of
the News by
Mackenzie

Editorial Comment
Written Today and
Moved by Telegraph
or Cable.

By DeWitt MacKENZIE

Renewal of the Russo-Japanese fishing pact, whereby the Japs acquire sorely needed rights to take fish in certain Soviet waters, should serve as a pointed reminder that sentiment isn't likely to overrule practical considerations in the making of war—or of peace.

That isn't peculiar to Russia and Japan. It's equally true of Shanghai and Utopia.

This business of the practical versus sentiment is worth bearing in mind as we look forward to post-war readjustments—the fiery question of boundaries, for instance. That's just so we won't be grievously disappointed if the new lines aren't wholly altruistic.

It's something to be remembered also by those who've been gambling that the Reds will join the Allies in the war against Japan after Hitler has been disposed of. Maybe the Russians will do exactly that—but don't bet your shirt on it. The Muscovites are nothing if not practical.

This article isn't meant to be cynical. During my recent trip abroad I found all the Allied countries and their friends shooting for high ideals—which is as should be. We should achieve a lot of them, too. But so-called practical (nasty word, that) considerations will keep us from some ambitions, and it's well that we recognize this and try to deal with the handicaps as we go along. Undoubtedly every Allied nation will have some "practical" problems to meet.

The Russo-Jap fishing pact is a practical matter. It may seem anomalous that the Reds should fight the European Axis with the right hand, and at the same time deal the Asiatic branch with the left. Still, there's nothing very strange about it. Obviously neither Russia nor Japan wants war with the other at this moment, for each already has all it can handle comfortably. And Nippon has to have those fish to keep hunger from its big population.

Actually, of course, Moscow and Tokyo signed a five-year neutrality and friendship pact two years ago. This provides among other things that each will remain neutral in case one of the signatories is the "object of military action on the part of one or several powers."

So far as the sanctity of this pact is concerned, Moscow naturally knows full well that Japan's word hasn't the value of a punctured toy balloon. Any time it serves their purpose the Japanese will follow in the footsteps of their ally, Herr Hitler, who attacked Russia after having signed the Russo-German non-aggression pact of August 23, 1939, a week before the Nazis launched the second world conflict.

However, while the Reds aren't anxious to wage war in both Europe and Asia at the same time, the Japs will be very daring if they try to do a Pearl Harbor on the Russians.

Fire Siren Proves Holy Misleading

Carlsbad, N. M. (AP)—It was publicized, in advance, that Carlsbad was to have a new a. m. "pause for prayer" every day. The fire siren was to be sounded, as a reminder. On the first day four volunteer firemen sprinted madly to their posts when the siren screamed.

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Market Report

ST. LOUIS LIVESTOCK

National Stockyards, Ill., March 27.—(AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Hogs: 200; not enough to test the market; few lots good and choice 190 240 lbs. weak to 10 lower at 15.65; few 140-160 lbs. 15-25 lower at lot 425-75; market from Friday Friday generally 20-25 higher.

Cattle, 25; calves, none; compared with week ago steers, cows and heifers steady; bulls 25 higher; tops for week: 1220 lb. steers 17.25; 1085 lb. yearlings 16.50; 772 lb. mixed yearlings and 935 lb. heifers 16.00; cows 14.00; sausage and beef bulls 14.75; vealers 16.75; replacements steers 15.00; bulks for week: steers 13.50-16.40; mixed yearlings and heifers 13.00-15.25; cows 11.00-12.50; replacement steers 11.00-14.25.

Sheep, none; compared Friday last week, woolled lambs and sheep steady; clipped lambs steady to 25 lower; top woolled lambs for week 16.75; bulk good and choice 16.00-16.50; medium and good 14.25-15.50; common southwest 13.00; top fall clipped lambs 16.00; few loads good and choice with No. 1 skins 15.75-15.90; bulk good 15.00-15.25; medium and good clipped No. 1 and 2 skins 13.50-15.00; most good and choice ewes 8.00-9.00.

POULTRY AND PRODUCE

Chicago, March 27.—(AP)—Butter receipts 420,885; firm; prices as quoted by the Chicago price current are unchanged.

Egg receipts 17,931; unsettled; fresh graded, firsts, cars 38 1-2; current receipts 35; other prices unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, March 27.—(AP)—Prof. it cashing in the stock market today stemmed the 5-session sprint to peak levels in nearly three years on the largest volumes in more than 15 months.

While favorites continued to attract funds, the sharp advance in the market and investment funds, the sharp advance caused some potential buyers to withdraw and pined the cutting of the commitments by others on the idea a technical correction might be in the offing. War news was without a great deal of stimulation marketwise, although the inflation theme persisted as an anti-selling argument.

Trends were a bit cloudy at the start and toward the last mild irregularity was the rule. Dealings were among the largest for Saturday since late 1941. Transfers for the two hours were in the neighborhood of 800,000 shares. Bonds and commodities were uneven.

Flashes of Life

By The Associated Press

Reprieve
Kansas City — Bill Ratchford and a dozen neighbors labored strenuously preparing victory gardens in a large vacant lot near their homes.

One day a stranger stepped from his automobile, nodded to Ratchford and said: "I bought this whole piece of ground the other day."

Ratchford wilted. "And," continued the visitor, "I wish you'd save a place for me. I like to put in a few potatoes myself."

Saved By The Bell
Denver — annoyed by the persistent ringing of their doorbell, the William Robinson family clambered out of their beds. Their drowsiness vanished quickly. The front hall was on fire.

Flames had burned insulation from the door bell wire, causing a short circuit which rang the bell.

Evacuees to Work in Sugar Fields

Little Rock, Ark., March 27 (AP)—Twenty-five evacuees are en route from Japanese relocation centers in Arkansas to Belle Fourche, S. D., to work in the sugar beet fields, the War Relocation Authority reported today.

"They are going with the intention of staying," said E. B. Whitaker, Arkansas WRA director. "We are trying to get these evacuees back into circulation on a regular basis—not just as seasonal workers. Families of these 25 men will follow, and if everything works out as satisfactorily as we hope quite a number of others probably will go there later."

Whitaker said they were accompanied by Art Eskelson to Belle Fourche, representing the U. S. Idaho Sugar Co.

Russians Renew Fish Treaty With Japanese

Moscow, March 26.—(AP)—An agreement signed at Kuibyshev Russia has given Japan a one-year extension of fishing privileges which the Japanese have enjoyed in certain Soviet Far Eastern waters since 1923.

The government newspaper Izvestia, which announced the signing, said the agreement was initiated yesterday by Soviet Vice Commissioner for Foreign Affairs Lozovsky and Japanese Ambassador Naotake Sato.

The fisheries protocol, originally signed 20 years ago, was renewed in 1928. It expired in 1936 and has not been renewed since then, but the convention is prolonged each year on the basis of the original agreement.

The agreement this year is virtually the same as in previous years except that the rentals which the Japanese must pay are increased by five per cent. Last year when the protocol was extended the rate went up by four per cent.

13,338 Bales Cotton Ginned in Hempstead

A government census report shows that 13,338 bales of cotton were ginned in Hempstead county as compared to 8,309 during the same period last year.

Hollywood

By ROBBIN COONS
Wide World Features Writer

Hollywood — The Universal people handed George Waggoner, who links with the horrors, a choice assignment. "Here's a really great story for you," they said, beaming with fond memories.

So George got excited too and took a look at an old picture, a history-making movie that grossed \$5,000,000 after its release in 1925 — "The Phantom of the Opera," starring the late Lon Chaney with Norman Perry and Mary Philbin.

"And I found that the 'great story' was really no story at all," says Waggoner. "It had never had a story."

Waggoner, now rising rapidly as a producer, applied to the no story theory that has brought him success with various movie horrors, is that movie monsters must be given human personalities and win a certain amount of sympathy for their inevitably tragic fate before audiences will believe in them.

In the new color version, the phantom (Claude Rains) will be "explained." He is an embittered musician, his face horribly scarred by acid in a temperamental altercation, who haunts the caverns beneath the Paris opera house with one obsession — to promote his daughter (Susanna Foster) as leading singer. In the old film Chaney haunted those same caverns, a misshapen monster of grotesque eyes, teeth and head, a creature without a past and motivated only by a "crush" on the leading lady.

"Here," says Waggoner, "we're taking time to tell the central character as a human being."

He and Arthur Lubin, the director, are enthusiastic over the manner in which the new tale is being unfolded, by means of music and dramatic action tightly related, so that when the arias sung by Nelson Eddy and Miss (who is now 18 and

a far note from her debut in "The Great Victor Herbert") aid in telling the story. It is through musical clues, in fact, that Eddy finally traps the phantom.

The "Phantom" includes one sequence of standard opera, "Marche," and two other contrived from Chopin themes and Tschai-kovsky's Fourth Symphony, respectively — arranged by Composer Edward Ward with libretto by Waggoner himself.

After 20 years the old "Phantom" stage — built for \$500,000 to the late Carl Laemmle's dismay — is again the Paris opera house. The stage has become an institution in Hollywood, serving the "U" for countless films and bringing in substantial revenue from rentals to other studios needing a theater set — or a swimming pool, for that matter, for the stage was later modernized, soundproofed and equipped for a tank beneath its flooring.

Producer Waggoner says that Nelson Eddy, with new dark hair and black moustache, is emerging as a vital personality — "for the first time he doesn't seem to fade into M. G.-M.'s wallpaper" — and he also has hosannas for Susanna.

Sam Dyer, 76, of Washington Dies

Sam Dyer, 76, resident of Hempstead county, died at his home at Washington yesterday. Funeral services were to be held this afternoon at Shiloh cemetery, near Waldo.

He is survived by his widow.

The Right Way

Greensboro, N. C. (AP)—The bailiff in county court instructed the woman being sworn in as a witness to place her left hand on the Bible and raise her right hand.

"I'll have to put my right hand on the Book," she said. "I'm right handed!"

Cards Are Back With Infield Intact, Plenty of Pitching



THE SPIRIT OF THE CARDINALS—Slats Marion backs up White Kurovski back of third base at Yankee Stadium as latter catches foul from bat of Joe Gordon in ninth inning of 2-0 victory in third game of World Series last fall.

NEA Sports Editor
Cairo, Ill., March 26.—St. Louis Cardinals sit atop the baseball world at Cairo, where the Ohio joins the Mississippi—nearer the equator than any other major league club in training.

The Red Birds tell you they are a kick in the pants to repeat as world champions, but they won't play it that way.

Few clubs exemplified teamwork to the extent of the 1942 Cardinals, and the current edition retains the spirit of the old Gas-House Gang.

The phenomenal drive of last year's Red Birds overlooked and passed the Brooklyn by two games, with the third-place New York Giants 18 games back.

Despite the loss of Johnny Beazley, Terry Moore, Country Slaughter, Creepy Crespi and probably Howard Pollet, the lukes in the red blazers perhaps have been less effected by the war than any other big league outfit.

And without Pete Reiser and Pee Wee Reese, the Dodgers are little more than a group of old gentlemen.

At the Saenger Sunday



Gene Kelly and Judy Garland swing out for a musical treat in M-G-M's "For Me And My Gal," a cavalcade of America's most glorious era.

Significant Measures Passed by Assembly in Short Period

By ED L. CAMPBELL

Little Rock, March 26.—(AP)—In between all the shouting about economy, preoccupation with local legislation and wrangling over game and fish bills, the legislature found time this year to pass some miscellaneous measures of significance.

Usually proposed changes in the election laws come in for much battling. This time it was all crowded into a few hours and attracted on the whole — little attention.

Almost forgotten was the little matter of providing for new summer's preferential primary. But in the nick of time the 1941 law (HB 498) was reenacted, this time without an expiration clause. So, as happened with the sales tax, that system may last a few years now.

For many years now, Arkansas has enjoyed the right of initiative and referendum but not until this year did the legislature get around to writing an enabling act for it—that is, specific rules for following the system.

The Leasure-Ferguson bill (HB 324) is lengthy and encompassing. It provides heavy penalties for violations and throws numerous "safe guards" around the system.

Each person must sign petitions in his own hand — writing (no provision for persons who can't write). No section of a petition may contain signatures from more than one county and each county petition must be accompanied by a certified list of poll tax-payers to facilitate checking.

That attorney general must approve ballots titles before petitions are circulated and the Secretary of State must rule on the sufficiency of petitions. If 20 per cent of the signatures are found bad, the whole petition may be challenged. Legal recourse is provided to protect the petitioners.

Another election measure (SB 351) provides for selection of election officials two weeks instead

Washington

By JACK STINNETT
Wide World Features Writer

Washington — Before and after Pearl Harbor, I wrote several stories about what women pilots were going to do in this war.

When the Civil Aeronautics Administration was forced to abandon its training of women pilots, I received a number of letters to which there was no answer. The ladies had been grounded and told to go home and tend to their knitting. Congress (through its powers of appropriation, but with recommendations from other quarters) had decreed that the CAA had better expend all its energies and funds training men who might be useful to the Army and Navy air forces.

Now word comes from the CAA that it has graduated ten girls from the "Women's Instructor Training School" at Nashville, Tenn., and that these may be "forerunners of thousands of new women instructors."

That has a familiar sound, but one not too much to be relied upon. In view of what has gone before. Nevertheless, in spite of all the secrecy about women aviators in the war effort, the girls in the CAP, CAA and Air Transport Command have a remarkable record. It may be that the wall is finally breaking down.

Using the Tennessee record as a lever, the CAA is asking Congress for a supplementary appropriation of \$2,500,000 to turn out 500 more women instructor pilots within six months and backlog that with 100 more in training.

In view of that, it may be well to run over the record of the ladies of the airways. Each had logged 120 hours in the air before entering school and each had logged 165 hours or more before she was "graduated." Each qualified for a commercial pilot's license before she got her "wings" from the Nashville school, as well as qualifying as a pilot instructor. In addition, each had at least five ratings in ground school subjects (meteorology, aerial navigation, aircraft structure, aircraft engines and civil air regulations).

Fight contractors all over the south have bid for the girls, services. One of the biggest schools in Miami has offered to hire all ten graduates: Stephens College for Women in Missouri has asked for two; a Tennessee school board has come through with an offer of \$2,600 a year for two; schools in El Paso, Phoenix, New Orleans and several other cities have made tempting offers.

Phoebe Omlie, veteran woman pilot and CAA education specialist in charge of the Tennessee project, points out that they can accept any of the offered jobs and still be directly in the war effort.

Plan Club In Ulster For A. E. F. Brides

Belfast (AP) Now there's talk of organizing here a club of war brides of United States soldiers. Sponsors say it would have a surprisingly large membership, for American soldiers continue to wed Ulster brides.

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Spare the Water—Spoil Garden; It Needs Infrequent Soaking

This is No. 8 of a series of 12 articles of expert advice for Victory gardeners this year. It is suggested that you clip and save each installment for future reference.

Prepared by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for NEA Service. Victory gardens don't just grow like Topsy—they have to be cared for and watched over and protected. In other words, to get the most out of your garden, you have to hoe and weed and water.

Cultivation of a garden should be steady and restrained—not too aggressive. Weeds should be kept under control by pulling or shallow hoeing. Deep cultivation of vegetables—that is, too much weight on the hoe, should be avoided in most instances because of the danger of cutting or disturbing roots that grow near the surface. If allowed to grow uncontrolled, weeds will rob the garden plants of moisture and plant food, and will shade them from the needed sunshine.

Watering Important
As soon as the soil can be worked after a rain, it should be thoroughly hoed to kill the weeds that have sprouted and to put the surface in a loose, porous condition to absorb the next rain. Weed control is the main object, of course. Garden specialists point out there is no proven benefit from stirring an already cultivated soil that is free of weeds.

As all experienced gardeners know, frequent light sprinkling or irrigation of the garden is the wrong way to provide the moisture required by the growing vegetables. If water is needed, the garden should be thoroughly and deeply soaked, as by a fairly heavy rain, and watered again only when the soil shows signs of becoming dry.

Proper watering will prove a decided advantage during dry periods but if not done right it may prove injurious. Light sprinkling or irrigation serves to water the roots of shallow-growing weeds, but does not provide enough water for the rows of garden plants.

Soaking Method
Some gardeners have had good results from soaking the soil thoroughly about once a week and then loosening the surface by light cultivation as soon as it can be worked.

On a small scale and over a limited area, watering a few plants can be handled with a sprinkling can, but when available a garden hose should be used. A good way of applying the water is to open slight furrows along the rows of plants and to allow the water to trickle along these furrows. After irrigation the ground should not be worked until it has dried enough so that the soil is not sticky. Mulching between rows with straw, lawn clippings, leaves or other suitable material will help conserve moisture and keep down weeds.

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